

Kenny Scharf

Biography

Kenny Scharf

Born 1958 in Los Angeles, California

Currently lives and works in Los Angeles, California

Education

1980

Bachelor of Fine Arts, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY.

Solo Exhibitions

2024

'Kenny Scharf', The Brant Foundation, New York, NY, US

2023

'Tout Suite', Almine Rech, Paris, France

2021

Earth, Almine Rech, Shanghai, China

Phlatscreenz TVOD, Honor Fraser Gallery Aspen

Vaxi Nation, Almine Rech, Paris, France

2020

DystopianPainting, Almine Rech, New York, NY

Moodz, Jeffrey Dietch, Miami, FL

Moodz, Jeffrey Dietch, Los Angeles, LA

2019

Optimistically Melting, Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Anxiously Optimistic, Baik Gallery, Seoul, Korea

Universalis, La Nave Salinas, Ibiza, Spain

Blue Blood, Totah, New York, NY

Viva Lo Vivo, After & Again, Mexico City, Mexico

2018

Super Pop Universe, Lotte Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea

Inner and Outer Space, Lelia Heller Gallery, Dubai, UAE

Scharftopia The Far Out World of Kenny Scharf, Gustavus College, Minnesota
Kenny Scharf, David Klien Gallery, Detroit, Michigan

Paradis Perdu, Galerie Enrico Navarra, Paris, France

2017

Blox and Bax, Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
Inner and Outer Space, Jeffrey Deitch, New York, NY

2016

Kenny Scharf, Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor, NY

2015

Born Again, Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
SCHOW, Frederic Snitzer Gallery, Miami, FL

2014

Pace Face, Pace Prints, New York, NY
Kenny Scharf, Colette, Paris, France

2013

Kolors, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY
Amerikulture, Eric Firestone Gallery, East Hampton, NY

2012

Hodgepodge, The Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.

2011

Naturafutura, Paul Kasmin, New York, NY

2009

Barberadise, Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2008

Superdeluxa, Waddington Gallery, London, UK
80's Back, Seomi & Tuus, Seoul, Korea

2007

NEW! Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY

2006

Astro Cumulo Nibus Uber Express, Raleigh Hotel Art Basel, Miami Beach, FL

2005

Superpop, Paul Kasmin Gallery New York, NY
Outer Limits, Patrick Painter Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

2004

Groovenian Drawings, Kantor Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Schablobz, Kenny Schachter/Rove, New York, NY
California Grown, Pasadena Museum of California Art, Los Angeles, CA
Face Value, Kevin Bruk Gallery, Miami Beach, FL

2003

Nightlight, Patrick Painter Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
Paintings 1990-1997, Cotthem Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

2002

Muted, Chac Mool Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2001

Car Nation, UC Fullerton Grand Central Art Center, Santa Ana, CA
Portraits, Tony Schafrazi Gallery, New York, NY
Hollywood Stars, Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions Los Angeles, CA

2000

Gagosian Gallery, Beverly Hills, CA
Small Paintings & Bronzes, Tony Schafrazi Gallery, New York, NY
Closet # 18, Young at Art Children's Museum, Davie, FL

1999

Heads, Small Paintings and Closet # 16, Galerie Hans Mayer, Berlin, Germany
New Sculpture, PICA-Portland Institute for Contemporary Art Portland, OR
Heads and Small Paintings, Galerie Hans Mayer, Dusseldorf, Germany

1998

Kenny Scharf, Galerie Ramis Barquet, Monterrey, Mexico
Kenny Scharf, McIntosh Gallery, Atlanta, GA
Kenny Scharf, Kantor Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Kenny Scharf, Tony Schafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

1997

Pop Surrealist, Salvador Dali Museum, St. Petersburg, FL
When Worlds Collide, Curated by Barry Blinderman, University Galleries Illinois State, IL Kenny Scharf, Tony Schafrazi Gallery, New York, NY
Ultraelektrik, Paintings, Sculpture & Customized Appliances, Sony Building New York, NY

1996

Kenny Scharf, Tony Schafrazi Gallery NY.
El Mundo de Kenny Scharf, Museo de Art Contemporaneo de Monterrey, Mexico
Kenny Scharf, Heads Center for the Fine Arts, Miami, FL
Kenny Scharf, Galerie 56, Budapest, Hungary

1995

Early Paintings 1975-78, Yoshi Gallery, New York, NY
Kenny Scharf, Galerie Cotthem-Hedwig Van Impe, Knokke, Belgium
Kenny Scharf, Tony Schafrazi Gallery, New York, NY
Scharf-O-Rama 1978-1995, Museum of Art, Ft.Lauderdale, FL

1994

Wildlife, Tony Schafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

1993

Kenny Scharf, Works on Paper , Galerie Burkhard R Eikelmann, Dusseldorf Kenny Scharf, Closet #11, Cafe Click, Dusseldorf, Germany

Kenny Scharf, Closet # 10 World Gallery Miami, Fl

1992

Kenny Scharf, Edward Totah Gallery, New York, NY

Kenny Scharf, Galeria Rocca 6, Torino, Italy

Kenny Scharf, Galeria Seno, Milan, Italy

1991

Kenny Scharf, Tony Shafrazi Gallery NY

Kenny Scharf, Studio Trisorio, Naples, Italy

Kenny Scharf, AC&T Corporation, Tokyo, Japan

Kenny Scharf, Galerie Hans Mayer, Dusseldorf, Germany

Kenny Scharf, Akira Ikeda Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1990

Kenny Scharf, Galerie Beaubourg, Paris, France

1989

Kenny Scharf, Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

1988

Kenny Scharf, Akira Ikeda Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1987

Kenny Scharf, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

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Kenny Scharf, Akira Ikeda Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1985

Kenny Scharf, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

Kenny Scharf, Galerie Bruno Bischofberger, Zurich, Germany

1984

Kenny Scharf, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

Kenny Scharf, Gagosian Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

1983

Kenny Scharf, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

Kenny Scharf, American Graffiti Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1982

Kenny Scharf, Fun Gallery, New York, NY

1981

Kenny Scharf, National Studio Artists P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center Kenny Scharf, Customized Appliances Club 57, New York, NY

Kenny Scharf, The Jetsons Fun Gallery, New York, NY

1979

Kenny Scharf, Celebration of the Space Age, Club 57, New York, NY

Group Exhibitions

2024

'Cute. The Dark Side', MACA Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark

'50—90: The Tenth Anniversary of the Long Museum', Long Museum West Bund, Shanghai, China

2023

'TEMPO. TEMPO! TEMPO?', Kunstmuseum Schloss Derneburg, Derneburg, Germany

'Basquiat X Warhol, À Quatre Mains', Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France

2021

'Salon de Peinture', Almine Rech, New York, USA

'Un Hiver à Paris', Almine Rech, Paris, France

2020

The Shadow, Totah, New York, NY

2019

Happy, NSU Art Museum, FL

Beyond The Streets, Brooklyn, New York

Fatherhood, Over the Influence, Los Angeles, CA

Summer of '82, Curated by Dan Cameron, Johannes Vogt, New York, NY

L.A. on Fire, Curated by Michael Slenske, Wilding Cran Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Yesterday's Tomorrowland Today a Xerox Show, Winslow Garage, Los Angeles, CA

2018

Paper Trail, Allouche Gallery, New York, NY

Polarities, Totah, New York, NY

Auto didactic the Juxtapose School, Petersen Automotive Museum, Los Angeles, CA

Warhol & Friends New York in the 80's, Palazzo Albergati, Bologna, Italy

Dancing Goddesses, Dio Horia Gallery, Mykonos, Greece

Under One Roof, Urban Nation Museum for Urban Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany

Donald Baechler, Ross Bleckner, Enoc Perez & Kenny Scharf, Alloche Benais, Athens, Greece Beyond The Streets, Curated by Roger Gastman, Los Angeles, CA

Stand Still: A Still Life Show, Allouche Gallery, New York, NY

2017

Bombay Beach Biennale, Curated by Lily Johnson, White Salton Sea, CA

Animal Farm, Curated by Sadie Laska, Brant Foundation, Greenwich, CT

Fast Forward - Painting from the 1980's, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY Club 57" Films, Performance and Art in the East Village 1978-1983, MoMA, NY, NYC

2016

Around the World in 86 Days, Ludwig Forum Aachen, Aachen, Germany
A Selection of Works of the 80's, Vito Schnabel Gallery, St. Moritz, Switzerland
Cosmic Connections, David Totah Gallery, New York, NY
Piston Head 2 Artist Engage the Automobile, Venus Over Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA Masters: Urban & Street Art, Galerie Laurent Strouk, Paris, France
The Neon Wilderness Voices from Los Angeles, The Conversation, Berlin, Germany
Muse, Galerie Hideout, Paris, France
Aftermodernism, Neumann Wolfson Art, Watermill, NY
DESIRE, Curated by Diana Widmaier Picasso, Gagosian & Deitch, Art Basel Miami Beach, FL

2015

She Sells Seashells by the Seashore, Eric Firestone Gallery, East Hampton, NY

2014

Urban Theater, New York Art in the 1980's, The Modern Art Museum of Ft. Worth, Texas
Fun and Games, Montalvo Art Center Saratoga, CA
Saying Yes to Everything" : Honor Fraser Gallery Curated by Corrina Peipon Los Angeles, CA
LOISADA" : NY's Lower East Side in the 80's Addison Gallery Andover, MA
Appropriate Disruption" : Jacob Lewis Gallery NYC

2013

AREA THE EXHIBITION, The Hole NYC
Artist Engage The Automobile" Pistonhead – Art Basel Miami Beach, FL
Calligraffiti" Leila Heller Gallery NY. NY
Futures Project" Center for the Living Arts Mobile, AL
Contemporary Magic" Tarot Deck Art Project The Dali Museum, St. Petersburg, FL
Virginia MOCA" Virginia Beach, VA

2012

Thank You Andy Warhol" Benrison Contemporary, NY. NY.
Times Square Show Revisited" Leubsdorf Gallery Hunter College NY. NY
Portrait of a Generation" The Hole Gallery NY. NY
All For You" Eric Firestone Gallery East Hampton, NY

2011

The Artist Museum" MOCA Los Angeles, CA
Art In The Streets" MOCA Los Angeles, CA
New York Minute" Garage Center for Contemporary Culture, Moscow
Facemaker" Curated by Kathy Grayson Royal-T, Culver City, CA
Unfinished Paintings" Contemporary Exhibitions Los Angeles, CA
Nose Job" Eric Firestone Gallery East Hampton, NY
East Village West" Royal T Lounge Los Angeles, CA
From Here to Eternity" Curated by Kenton Parker Scion Installation Space, Culver City, CA

2010

Pause" Cosmopolitan Hotel Las Vegas, NV
Art Shack" Laguna Art Museum Laguna Beach, CA
Mutant Pop" Loyal Gallery Malmo, Sweden

2009

Wynwood Walls” Outdoor Mural Project produced by Deitch Projects Art Basel Miami, FL Primary Flight” Site – specific Street Level Mural, Art Basel Miami, FL
Loveable Like Orphan Kitties and Bastard Children” Green Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
Just What Are They Saying” Jonathan Ferrara Gallery New Orleans, LA
Nude Show” Paul Kasmin Gallery New York, NY

2008

Four Friends, Tony Shafrazi Gallery New York, NY
Totally Rad, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY
American Standard, Design District Miami Beach, FL
Juxtapose School, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach CA
Zero Carat Jewelry Friedman, Benda Gallery, New York, NY

2007

Four Friends, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY
Art Parade, King of Parade, Jeffrey Deitch, New York, NY
Big Secret Cache, Angstrom Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2006

Surrealism Then and Now, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY
Juxtapose Anniversary, Copro Nason, Culver City, CA

2005

Enjoy By, Bill Farroux, Venice, CA

2004

East Village USA, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY
Beginning Here: 101 Ways, Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY
100 Artists See Satan, Grand Central Art Center, Santa Ana, CA

2003

Quest, Vincent Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Splat, Boom, Pow, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX
Portraits, Heidi Lee Fine Art, New York, NY
Faces and Figures, The Art Museum at Florida International University, Miami, FL
Beauty Stripped Bare / LA Black & White, BGH Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

1997

In Your Face Haring, Basquiat & Scharf, Leo Malca Fine Art, New York, NY
Art and Provocation: Images from Rebels, Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder, Co

1996

New Figuration, Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, Az
Hot Off the Press: New Editions, Pace Prints, New York, NY

1995

Altered and Irrational: Selections from the Permanent Collection, Whitney Museum, NY Art, Design and Barbie, Liberty Street Gallery, New York, NY

Art + Architecture, Center for Contemporary Art , Miami

A New York Time:Selected Drawings from the Eighties, Bruce Museum , Greenwich, CT

1993

About Nature, Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH

Art and Environment, National Arts Club, New York, NY

Extravagant: The Economy of Elegance, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

1982-93: Ten Years After, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

1992

1492, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Monterrey, Mexico

Variations Gitanes, Grande Halle de la Villette, Paris

Objets Trouves Galerie de Jour, Agnes B, Paris

Balade de l'Amour Halle de l'Union des arts Decoratifs, Palais de Louvre, Paris

Beauty Stripped Bare / LA Black & White, BGH Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

1991

American Art of the '80's, Palazzo delle Albere, Trento, Italy

Closet #9, Queens Museum of Art, Flushing, NY

Just What is it That Makes Today's Home So Different, So Appealing Hyde Collection, NY The 1980's: A Selected View from the Permanent Collection, Whitney Museum, New York, NY

1990

The Last Decade: American Artists of the '80's, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

1989

Don't Bungle the Jungle, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

The Studio American Collection, Witkacy Theater , Zakopane, Poland

1988

Figure a Subject: Revival of Figuration Since 1975, Whitney Museum, New York, NY

The Weisman Collection, California State University, Fullerton, CA

1987

Comic Iconoclasm, Institute of Contemporary Art, London, UK

1986

An American Renaissance: Painting and Sculpture from 1940 to Present, Museum of Art, Ft.Lauderdale, FL

Homage to Nicolas A. Moufarrage, Gabrielle Bryers Gallery, New York, NY

Picture From the Inner Mind The Palladium, Solway Gallery, New York, NY

Cincinnati , Cohn Gallery, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

1985

Biennial, Whitney Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY
Drawings, Leo Castelli, New York, NY
Eight Artists/Eight Years, SVA School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
East Village Artists, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, NY
Investigations Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, PA
Sights For Small Eyes, Heckscher Museum, Long Island, NY
Vernacular Abstraction, Wacoal Art Center, Tokyo, Japan
Art in Action, Sogetsu Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Out of the Ooo Cloud Edith C Blum Art Institute, Bard College Annandale on Hudson NY

1984

Via New York, Montreal Museum of Contemporary Art, Montreal, Canada
The Innovative Landscape, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, NY
New Hand-Painted Dreams: Contemporary Surrealism, Barbara Gladstone Gallery, NY Arte di Frontiera, Galerie d'Arte Moderna, Bologna, Italy
Aperto 84 Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
The Human Condition, Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
Contemporary Perspectives 1984, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA
New Idioms, Robert Fraser Gallery, London, UK
New Attitudes Paris/New York, Pittsburg Center for the Arts, Pittsburg, PA

1983

Champions, Tony Shafrazi Gallery NY, Fay Gold Gallery, Atlanta, GA Surrealist Show, Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY
Morton G. Neuman Family Collection, Kalamazoo Institute of Art, Kalamazoo, Michigan
The Comic Art Show, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Back to the U.S.A, Kunstmuseum Luzern, Luzern, Switzerland
Tendencias en Nueva York, Palacio de Cristal, Madrid, Spain
Clocktower Open Studio Show, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY
Bienalle de Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil
References Palais de Beaux-Arts, Charleroi, Belgium

1982

Installation Project Room, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY The Times Square Show Times Square, New York, NY
New Wave, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY
Drawing Show, Mudd Club, New York, NY
Beyond Words, Mudd Club, New York, NY

1981

Open Studio Show P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY

Special Projects

2019

Mural at the Bluffs, Playa Vista, CA
Mural at the City Club, Minneapolis, MN

Public Collections

The Bass Museum of Art, Miami Beach, FL
Brant Foundation, Greenwich, CONN
Emergentes Art Foundation, Lebanon
The Dannheiser Foundation, New York, NY
The Broad Foundation, Los Angeles, CA
The Hall Foundation, Reading, VT
Groniger Museum, Groniger, Holland
Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY
The Jewish Museum, New York, NY
Lotte Museum, Seoul, Korea
Ludwig Museum, Cologne, Germany
Miami Art Museum, Miami, FL
Museo DArte Contemporaneo De Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico
Museu De Arte Moderna, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
New England Center for Contemporary Art, Brooklyn, CONN
Pasadena Museum of California Art, Pasadena, CA
Paterson Museum, Paterson, NJ
Patrick Lannan Foundation, Los Angeles, CA
Pearl Arts Foundation, Portland Oregon
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
Sogetsu Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Holland
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY